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Re: Whitaker et al. v. Brush Wellman Inc.
Starin v. Brush Wellman Inc.
Johnson et al. v. Brush Wellman Inc.

Atomic Energy Commission
Contract No. AT(30-1)-541

Dear Mr. Fygi:

By letter dated April 18, 1997, Brush Wellman Inc. ("Brush"), through its undersigned counsel, notified the United States Government and its pertinent departments and agencies of three actions filed against Brush arising out of Brush's performance of Atomic Energy Commission ("AEC") Contract No. AT(30-1)-541, and made demand upon the United States and the pertinent departments and/or agencies to defend, indemnify and hold Brush harmless with respect to the various claims filed in these actions. The actions, entitled Whitaker et al. v. Brush Wellman Inc., Case No. 314064, Lester Starin v. Brush Wellman Inc., Case No. 321428, and Johnson et al. v. Brush Wellman Inc., Case No. 326113, were filed on August 23, 1996, December 31, 1996 and January 22, 1997, respectively, in the Court of Common Pleas for Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

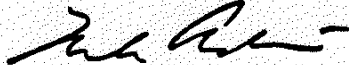
The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a development in the Whitaker case. As explained in our April 18 letter, the Whitaker complaint was brought by two Brush employees, Ralph Whitaker and Richard Fillmore, who allege they contracted chronic beryllium disease ("CBD") while working at Brush's Elmore, Ohio plant. The Whitaker complaint purports to assert claims on behalf of a class consisting of all employees who have worked for Brush since 1949 and their families.

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On April 25, 1997, Brush moved to strike the class allegations in the Whitaker complaint. (A copy of the motion is attached as Exhibit A.) On May 12, 1997, plaintiffs responded to Brush's motion by stating that they would not oppose the motion to strike the class allegations. (A copy of plaintiffs' response is attached as Exhibit B.) The court has not yet ruled on Brush's unopposed motion.

Brush will continue to keep the government apprised of significant developments while it awaits a response to its April 18, 1997 letter. Pending receipt of a response to that letter (which we hope will be forthcoming shortly) we will continue to defend vigorously the allegations of the complaints. Again, if you need further information or copies of other pleadings in these cases, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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